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**CHIANG TO RECEIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FROM LA COUNTY  
BAR TAXATION LAW SECTION**

John Chiang, Chair of the State Board of Equalization, will receive the 2006 Award for Excellence by a Government Official from the Taxation Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. The award will be presented at a ceremony Tuesday, February 7, at noon at the Omni Los Angeles, 251 S. Olive Street.

Chiang was selected on the basis of vigorously promoting fair tax policies and his ongoing efforts to reach out to taxpayers across California through seminars, speeches, and educational events, said Chris Matarese, outgoing chair of the Los Angeles County Bar State and Local Tax Committee and Chair of the 2006 award Program.

“John Chiang embodies the best in a tax representative,” added Matarese. “He works honestly and intelligently with taxpayers to seek the right answers.”

“It’s a tremendous honor to receive this award from the Taxation Law Section,” said Chiang. “I take pride in my work to help Californians navigate through our tax system, and am grateful for the LA County Bar Association’s recognition of this effort.” Rick Auerbach, Los Angeles County Assessor and 2005 recipient of the Award for Excellence by a Government Official, will make the presentation.

First elected to the Board in 1998, Chiang represents the BOE’s 4<sup>th</sup> District, which includes 73 cities in Los Angeles County and more than 8.5 million people.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly-elected tax board. The Board in 2003-04 collected more than \$44 billion in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services.

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